

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1-11 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claims 12-21 have been added. The newly added claims are fully supported in the as-filed application.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claims added by this Amendment, namely, claims 12-21, inclusive, are statutorily proper claims to the composition and to the method of the present invention. Thus, all of the foregoing claims represent statutorily appropriate subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection under § 101 has been overcome and, accordingly, it should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 6 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is rendered moot since that claim has been cancelled herein.

Claims 12-21, inclusive, presented herein are definite since they particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention herein.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyce et al. US 5,716,606. Claim 6 has been cancelled herein. Thus, the rejection is moot.

Notwithstanding the cancellation of claim 6 herein, the Applicant will address the 35 USC § 102(b) rejection as being anticipated by Boyce et al. with respect to claims 12-21, inclusive.

Boyce discloses combining flowers of sulfur, i.e. elemental sulfur, and a spreadable base, such as Lubriderm lotion (col. 1, lines 35 to col. 2, line 15). At col. 2, lines 28-36, Boyce discloses that flowers of sulfur in a Lubriderm lotion be applied topically in the treatment of skin disorders.

Boyce cannot be said to anticipate the composition or method claims herein since it contains no teaching, suggestion or motivation of employing a sulfur-containing medicinal composition for oral, parenteral, systemic or rectal administration in the treatment of a disorder of glutathione conjugation which is based upon accumulated toxins in the liver.

The sole and only teaching of Boyce is the topical use of elemental sulfur in a spreadable base in the treatment of skin disorders. This, quite clearly, cannot be said to teach one of ordinary skill in the art of the benefits to be obtained in patients suffering from glutathione conjugation disorders by *in vivo* ingestion or injection of a sulfur-containing composition in accordance with the claims of the present invention, which results in the detoxification of accumulated toxins present in the liver and their being harmlessly released in a detoxified state in the bile. Accordingly, since the claims distinguish over the teaching of Boyce, the § 102(b) rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

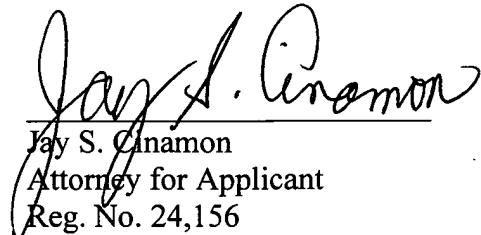
It is respectfully submitted that claims 12-21, inclusive, are in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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